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THE DECLARATION OF THE REBELS

In the very Words as it was Designed to have been put up by them at *Glasgow*;
and was Actually put up at *Rugland*.



*As the Lord had been pleased still to keep and preserve his interest in the Land, by the Testimony of some Faith-
full Witnesses from the beginning, so in our days some have not been wanting who through the greatest of ha-
zards had added their Testimonies to these who have gone before them by suffering Death, Banishment, Tortur-
ings, Fineings, Forfeitures, Imprisonments &c. flowing from cruel & perfidious, adversaries to the Church
& Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Land. Therefore we owning the Interest of Christ according to the
word of the Lord, and the National, and Solemn League and Covenant, desire to add our Testimony to the
Testimonies of the worthies that has gone before (though unworthy, yet hoping as true members of the
Church of Christ in Scotland) and that against all things that has been done, prejudicial to his interest, from the beginning of
the work of Reformation in Scotland, especially from the year 1648. to the year 1660. against these following Acts, As,*

i. The Act of Supremacy.

ii. The Declaration whereby the Covenants are Condemned.

iii. The Act for Eversion of the Established Government of the Church, and for Establishing of Prelacy, and for Out-
ing of Christs Ministers who could not Conform thereto, by an Act Rescissory of all Acts of Parliament and Assemblies for
the Establishment of the Government of the Church of Scotland, according to the Word.

As likewise that Act of Council at *Glasgow* putting that Act Rescissory in Execution, where at one time were violently
Cast out above 300 Ministers, without all Legal Procedures.

Likewise the Act appointing a Holy Anniversary Day; to be kept up n the 29th day of May, for giving Thanks
for the Upsetting of an Usurping Power, destroying the Interest of the Church in the Land, which is to Set up the Crea-
ture to be Worshiped, in the room of Our Great Redeemer, and to consent to the assuming of the Power that is proper
to the Lord alone, for the appointing of Ordinances in his Church; as particularly the Government thereof, and the
keeping of Holy days, and all other sinful and unlawful Acts Emitted and Executed by them.

*And for confirmation of this our Testimony we do hereby this day, being the 29th. of May, 1679. publicly burn them at
the Cross of Glasgow, most justly as they perfidiously and blasphemously had burnt our holy Covenants through several Cities of the
Covenanted Kingdoms, We judge none will take exceptions at our not subscribing this our Testimony being so Solemnly gone about,
for we are ready always to do it, if judged necessary, with all the faithful suffering Brethren in the Land.*

Edenburgh June 4.

ON Thursday the 29th. past a Company of men to the Number of 80 well mounted and Arm'd came to *Rugland*, pro-
claimed the Covenant and burnt several Acts of Parliament, viz. The Act concerning the Kings Supremacy, The
Rescissory Act, the Act for Establishing Episcopacy, and the Act appointing the Anniversary of the 29th. of May. And that
done, affixed a certain Scandalous and Traiterous Paper or Declaration on the Market-Cross, and intended to have done
the like at *Glasgow*, but were prevented by the Kings Forces there.

On Sunday last Captain *Graham* of *Claverhouse* upon the notice he had of a great number of men being gathered toge-
ther upon *Loudoun hill*, marched thither with his Troop, and a company of Dragoons, and found there 14. or 1500 men
well Armed and in good order, the Foot Commanded by one *Wier*, and the Horse by *Robert Hamilton*, one *Patton*,
Balfour and *Hackflow*, these two last being of the Murderers of the Archbishop of *St. Andrews*. The Rebels upon Captain
Grahams approach, sent out two parties to skirmish with him, which he beat into their main Body; Then they ad-
vanced with their whole Force upon him, who after a considerable slaughter of the Rebels, and the loss of his Cornet two
brigadiers and about 8 Horse and 20 Dragoons, (his own horse being Killed under him, and mounting another)
being so much overpowered in number, he made his retreat towards *Glasgow*, being in his way forced to fight his pas-
sage through the Towns-men of *Strevin*, who were got together to oppose it, leaving 10 or 12 of them dead upon the
place.

On Monday morning the Rebels had the confidence to attack the City of *Glasgow* at two several times, but all the streets
were so well Barricadoed by the Lord *Rosse*, and the soldiers there put into so good a posture, that the Rebels were beat
off with a considerable Loss, besides many prisoners that were taken, and thereupon the Horse and Dragoons in the Town
fally'd out, and when our last letters came away, were in pursuit of their Rear.

His Majesties Privy Council has put out a Proclamation, and all other Care is taking by them to suppress these Rebels;
which we hope very suddenly to give you an account of.

Edenburgh, June 7th. The Rebels continue still in Arms, and we are informed that their Number is very much increased.

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